



# La Bandiera

*The Banner*



*Newsletter of  
The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517  
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

**MARZO 2022  
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

*Welcome March!*

*The chill of Winter is almost over and Spring is right around the corner. Much anticipated, in two weeks the time will change. Busy this month, Fat Tuesday, the beginning of Lent and St. Patrick's Day. Not to mention our March 13th Installation and White Elephant event. Come and join your fellow IHL members as they are installed in their new positions, enjoy a catered lunch and lastly, our White Elephant fundraiser.*

*Luckily, Covid is finally dissipating and hopefully soon will be a memory. As we move into this most holy time of the year, we cannot forget to pray for all those affected by this horrible war raging in Europe. As well as the truly challenging times we're facing as a nation.*

*Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter. It's chock full of valuable and topical information.*

*I look forward to seeing you all soon.*

*Best regards,  
Dawn*

## *Member News.....*

*Our heartfelt congratulations to John and Laura Asiello as they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last month! With family and friends surrounding them, we know they felt the rich blessings they deserve.*

*Benvenuta! to Maureen Romano, wife of Charlie Romano. Although Maureen has been present at many of our events over the last six months and we have all gotten to know her, she has now joined the lodge as a social member. It is great to have you join our IHL family Maureen and we hope all of our members get to know you as we have.*

*Please keep Kevin Donaleski in your thoughts and prayers as he underwent surgery last Friday and is still in the hospital recovering.*

*Please maintain your prayers and good wishes for Francesco Falsinotti, John Asiello and Joe La Marco as they continue to recover from their health concerns with positive news.*

*If anyone would like to send get well cards to express their good wishes to our members, please email Colette so that she can provide addresses.*

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**John Dovel**

**Marianne Hallahan**

**Nancy Perrelli**

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**Lodge Members Serving on the Grand Council of Virginia:**

**Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Former State President**

**Marianne Hallahan, Trustee**

**John Asiello, Arbitration Committee**

## FUTURE LODGE EVENTS & OTHER IMPORANT INFORMATION

March 13	Installation of Officers Ceremony	12:30 PM	K of C Hall
March 13	Installation Luncheon	1:00 PM	K of C Hall
March 13	White Elephant	2 - 4 PM	K of C Hall
March 16	IHL Council Meeting	7:00 PM	via Zoom link
March 18	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Red Lobster, Fairfax
April 1	Virginia OSIA Foundation deadline for submitting 2022 Scholarship applications (See information in this Newsletter)		

April 17 *Easter Sunday*

Our March meeting will take place at the Knights Hall on SUNDAY, March 13 and will combine several IHL events:

The new term for IHL Officers and Trustees will begin as they are installed at 12:30 p.m., followed by a celebratory catered luncheon at a cost of \$12.00 per person and will be catered by Mamma Lucia's. Please RSVP to President Dawn. Please come out to thank our outgoing members and congratulate our incoming members on their new term.

Following the Installation Ceremony and Luncheon, we will hold our annual "White Elephant" event. Our auctioneers, June and Roy, are so skilled at auctioning off items YOU bring in for sale. There is no need to price your items as they diligently evaluate items such as house wares, electronics, books, toys, and any and all donations that are new, never used or used. This is the time to de-clutter and donate items you no longer want and hope to go to another home. All proceeds from the auction go to build up the IHL treasury.

Lunch Bunch – We'll meet at Red Lobster, located at 10325 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please RSVP to President Dawn so we can include you in the reservation with your fellow IHL brothers and sisters.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carol Goldstone	March 5
Maureen Romano	March 7
Rosalie Alligood	March 13
Sharon Strauchs	March 14
Kevin Donaleski	March 25

### *The Election of Lodge Officers for 2022-2023*

*The Lodge will elect officers early next year for the 2022-2023 term. The following timetable is set out in the Lodge's By-Laws for the election of officers:*

*November, 2021 – The President will appoint three members to serve on the Nominating Committee. They are: Dennis Lillo, Eleanor Lillo and Loretta D'Amico.*

*December, 2021 – The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dennis Lillo, shall report the nominations from the Committee.*

*(No nominations can be made from the floor at this meeting.)*

*January, 2022 – The January Newsletter will carry the results of the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate from the floor at the January lodge meeting.*

*February, 2022 – Elections are held – no more nominations are permitted except in the case of withdraw.*

*March, 2022 – The newly elected officers are installed.*

*Any lodge members interested in serving on the Italian Heritage Lodge council for this period please notify a member of the Nominating Committee of your desire to serve on the council for the 2022-2023 term.*

*Having followed the lodge's By-Law as stated above, at our February meeting, Officers and Trustees for the new 2022 – 2023 term were announced and approved by vote from Eleanor Lillo, our Recording Secretary.*

*Here are the names of our new Officers and Trustees:*

*President: Dawn Falsinotti*

*Vice President: Charles Romano*

*Immediate Past President: Colette Sciscilo*

*Orator: Joseph Scafetta, Jr.*

*Financial Secretary: Eleanor Lillo*

*Treasurer: Dennis Lillo*

*Recording Secretary: Marianne Hallahan*

*Trustees: Carol Cassella, Loretta D'Amico, John Dovel, Nancy Perrelli*

*Master of Ceremonies: Roy Schender*

*Mistress of Ceremonies: Sandy Schender*

*Grazie to those members who volunteered their time, efforts and energy to continue IHL's fun events and especially our benevolent community works throughout the year. Special thanks to our Nominating Committee, Dennis, Eleanor and Loretta.*

*40 years ago.....*

*President Joseph Scafetta of the Avanti Italiani Lodge No. 2381 presents a gavel as a gift to President Nino Belfiore of the newly formed Italian Heritage, Culture & Fellowship Society Lodge No. 2517 of Fairfax City, Virginia, after the joint installation of their officers on March 13, 1982 in Alexandria, Virginia.*



*The "Italian Workshop class" is a hands on class featuring Italian rainbow cookies, Biscotti, Cannoli, lemon drop cookies, and an Italian Cheesecake. In this immersive, fun and educational class you will learn to make all of your Italian favorites. Explore time honored traditional cookies and desserts in a safe group setting practicing social distancing with limited class attendance for comfort and safety.*

*The classes are \$99 and will be hosted in Arlington. Feel free to check out the following link for more information:*

*[Italian Cookies and Pastry workshop Tickets, Multiple Dates / Eventbrite](#)*

*Information on Chef Michael:*

*Chef Michael has been described as a "Designer" Pastry Chef, with his experience encompassing wholesale, retail, fine dining restaurants, hotels, off-premise catering and country clubs. Chef Michael has studied in France and holds a certification in Baking Science and Technology from the American Institute of Baking. He worked for the President under the Bush administration. Chef Michael's approach to food taste philosophy is that the palate should be like a symphony, with no one taste being dominant, more of a wave of tastes, textures and temperature juxtaposed against each other whilst also working in harmony.*

*- Submitted by David Strong*



*Four Italian-American women won silver medals at the 2022 Winter Olympics held in and around Beijing, China, this past February. Julia Marino won her medal in the women's snow board slope style event while three other Italian-American women shared a silver medal as members of the women's ice hockey team. They are Dani Cameranesi, Alex Cavallini and Hayley Scamurra. The USA won 25 medals, finishing fifth among nations. Norway finished first with 37 medals. Italy finished ninth with 17 medals, including two gold. One gold was won by Arianna Fontana in the 500-meter speed skating event. She also won gold for the same event in 2018 in South Korea. Stefania Constantini and Amos Mosamer shared a gold medal for winning the mixed doubles event in curling.*

*- Submitted by Joseph Scafetta, Jr.*

### ***VIRGINIA OSIA FOUNDATION 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS***

*The Virginia OSIA Foundation 2022 Scholarship Application is now available.*

*Three Scholarships will be awarded in 2022.*

*Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship -- \$1,000.00*

*Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship -- \$1,000.00*

*John F. Asiello Scholarship -- \$1,000.00*

*The application is available in both word and PDF format. Go to [www.vaosia.org](http://www.vaosia.org) and click on "Scholarships" at the top of the page; this page will give you links to the applications in both word and PDF versions.*

*Deadline for submitting application is April 1, 2022*



## *Meet Our IHL Member.....*

# *Marianne Hallahan*

## *State Trustee, IHL Trustee*

Marianne was born in Bound Brook, New Jersey where she was a member of a large extended Italian family. Both sets of grandparents came from Italy, settled in Scranton, PA, and eventually moved to Bound Brook. She attended St. Joseph's Elementary School where she was a cheerleader. While attending Bound Brook High School, she was a member of various organizations including Yearbook Committee and Advertising Manager of the school newspaper. As a Civil Airpatrol Cadet, she had her first airplane ride during a training exercise. At Villanova University she was a member of the Women's Glee Club, the Junior and Senior Steering Committees, and Pi Theta Chi Sorority.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing she soon married a fellow Villanovan. Because he was a Naval Flight Officer, they lived in various parts of the country and on Guam. During this time, they had two daughters, Kathleen and Maria.

After divorcing, she started ballroom dancing eventually finding a partner. They went on to win several championships including two National Championships in "American Style Smooth." When they retired from competition, Marianne began working at competitions and continues to do so. She is a Board member of the local USA Dance chapter and former organizer of the Fall Festival, Mid-Eastern Championships, and National Collegiate Championships. After joining IHL, she became a Board member and is also a member of the State board. In her nursing career her positions included Assistant Director of Nursing, Infection Control Nurse and Staff Developer. Retirement came in May of 2021. She lives in Fairfax, VA and also enjoys attending Folk Music concerts. Marianne has one grandson named Keifer, who plays hockey and is a Freshman in high school. She enjoys visiting Keifer who lives in Texas.



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***The world's most famous sandwich was created by a  
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*Central Grocery and Deli is a third generation, old-fashioned grocery store founded in 1906 by Salvatore Lupo, a Sicilian immigrant who was famous for creating the muffuletta sandwich. The 116-year-old shop — tucked into Decatur Street in the middle of New Orleans' French Quarter, — hasn't changed, as their famed muffuletta has been sliced and carved the exact same way for a century.*

*The sandwich traditionally consists of a muffuletta loaf split horizontally and covered with layers of marinated olive salad, salami, ham, Swiss cheese, provolone, and mortadella.*

*The store is currently owned and operated by Tommy Tusa and Frank Tusa, who recently partnered with a local delivery business to ship the sandwich nationwide.*

***Ingredienti:***

***1 10" round loaf Italian bread  
1 cup Olive Salad  
¼ lb Capicola or deli ham (4-6 slices)  
¼ lb Genoa Salami (6-8 slices)  
¼ lb Mortadella (4-6 slices)  
1/8 lb sliced Mozzarella (3-4 thin slices)  
1/8 lb Provolone (3-4 thin slices)***

- 1. Slice the round bread in half and open both sides on a flat surface.***
- 2. Brush both inner sides of the bread with oil from the Olive Salad or extra virgin olive oil, go a little heavier on the bottom.***
- 3. Begin layering the ham, salami, and mortadella on the bottom half of the bread. Top with cheeses.***
- 4. Next, add the olive salad from the center out and spread it, leaving about a half-inch around the edge. Place the top half of the bread over the olive mixture, and press down to let the bread absorb the olive salad juices.***
- 5. Using a bread knife, slice into 4 to 6 wedges.***
- 6. Optional: place the whole sandwich, before slicing, on a large baking sheet, and toast/warm-up in a 350F preheated oven for about 5 minutes.***

*Taken from "Italian Sons & Daughters Of America" website*

**AD PAGE** – Joe La Marca has assisted in updating our Ad Page, always found on the last page of each month's Newsletter. We are re-instating the Ad Page program with these updated costs: Member price - \$25/year; Non-member price - \$35/year. These prices will go into effect starting January 2022. If you would like to place an ad that will run each month, please send your business ad to Joe La Marca for inclusion.

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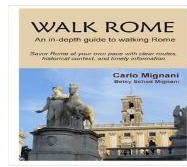
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